



Join Your Chamber of Commerce (Revision date 1-13-2013)

Join your local Chamber of Commerce - period. It may cost you a few dollars but I have found that it will open the community up to the Tea Party. Not only do most local businesses belong to the Chamber of Commerce, most of your local office holders attend at least some of the meetings. Here again is another opportunity to put a “human” face on the Tea Party.

Be sure that your representative to the Chamber is well spoken and well informed.

Here is what belonging to the Chamber of Commerce will do for your group:

- Opens the door to other businesses that are friendly to the Tea Party values.
- Provides an opportunity to network with businesses and individuals right in your local area.
- Exposes you to face to face opportunities with members of your city’s School Board, City Council, Mayor, and County Board of Supervisors, just to mention a few.
- It reveals your concern for the entire community, not just your group.

The Chamber of Commerce will even help you promote your group. Many other members of the community “help” groups also attend the Chamber functions.

I have used the Chamber of Commerce calendar to follow current events in our city such as parades, fairs, community work days and special events. The Chamber of Commerce plans many events and are happy to let the Tea Party groups participate.

This organization also keeps updated lists of almost all the community groups and businesses. These lists will help you look for organizations that will provide you or someone in your group speak at one of their functions.

Go to your communities Recreation Department and County Fair offices to get a list of local events that you can participate in.